



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 3: Module 2B: Unit 2: **Recommended Texts**



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The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about India, Iraq, and Italy. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge about the topic.

It is imperative that students read a high volume of texts at their reading level in order to continue to build the academic vocabulary and fluency demanded by the CCLS.

Note that districts and schools should consider their own community standards when reviewing this list. Some texts in particular units or modules address emotionally difficult content.

Common Core Band Level Text Difficulty Ranges:

(As provided in the NYSED Passage Selection Guidelines for Assessing CCSS ELA)

- Grades 2–3: 420–820L
- Grades 4–5: 740–1010L

Where possible, texts in languages other than English are also provided. Texts are categorized into three Lexile measures that correspond to Common Core Bands: below grade band, within band, and above band. Note, however, that Lexile® measures are just one indicator of text complexity, and teachers must use their professional judgment and consider qualitative factors as well. For more information, see Appendix 1 of the Common Core State Standards.

Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile measures below band level (under 420L)			
<i>Camels</i>	Megan Borgert-Spaniol (author)	Informational	325*
<i>Tigers at Twilight</i>	Mary Pope Osborne (author)	Literature	370
<i>Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book (adaptation)</i>	Carl Bowen (author) Gerardo Sandoval (illustrator)	Graphic Novel	370

*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level;



Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile measures within band level (420–820L)			
<i>Bengal Tigers</i>	Lyn Sirota (author)	Informational	500
<i>Italy</i>	Annabel Savery (author)	Informational	550
<i>Rama and the Demon King: An Ancient Tale from India</i>	Jessica Souhami (author)	Literature	550
<i>A Crazy Day with Cobras</i>	Mary Pope Osborne (author)	Literature	570
<i>Season of the Sandstorms</i>	Mary Pope Osborne (author)	Literature	580
<i>Carnival at Candlelight</i>	Mary Pope Osborne (author)	Literature	590
<i>Monday with a Mad Genius</i>	Mary Pope Osborne (author)	Literature	590
<i>Monkey: A Trickster Tale from India</i>	Gerald McDermott (author)	Literature	630
<i>India ABC's: A Book about the People and Places of India</i>	Marcie Aboff (author) Francis Moore (illustrator)	Informational	710
<i>India in Colors</i>	Nathan Olson (author)	Informational	710
<i>Leonardo da Vinci: A Nonfiction Companion to Monday with a Mad Genius</i>	Mary Pope Osborne (author)	Informational	740
<i>Spotlight on Italy</i>	Bobbie Kalman (author)	Informational	810
<i>Day of the Blackbird: A Tale of Northern Italy</i>	Tomie dePaola (author)	Literature	810



Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile measures above band level (over 820L)			
<i>Iraq</i>	Mel Friedman (author)	Informational	840
<i>The Golden Sandal: A Middle Eastern Cinderella Story</i>	Rebecca Hickox (author) Will Hillenbrand (illustrator)	Literature	870
<i>Iraq</i>	Paul Mason (author)	Informational	940
<i>Looking at Italy</i>	Jillian Powell (author)	Informational	940
<i>The Food of Italy</i>	Sara Kras (author)	Informational	990
<i>Ancient India Maurya Empire</i>	John Bankston (author)	Informational	990
<i>Children of the World: How We Live Learn and Play in Poems, Drawings and Photographs</i>	Anthony Asael and Stephanie Rabemiafara (authors)	Poetry	NP
<i>Let's Celebrate: Festival Poems from Around the World</i>	Debjani Chatterjee and Brian D'Arcy (Authors) Shirin Adl (illustrator)	Poetry	NP

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‡Book content may have higher-maturity-level text